

REMARKS

In complete response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2007, requiring restriction of invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the Group III invention, comprising claims 88 and 89, drawn to a method and apparatus of enzymatic analysis, and classified in class 435. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

Accordingly, claims 88 and 90-172 are currently pending, wherein claims 88, 90, 167 and 168 are independent. Claims 1-87 and 89 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 90-172 have been added. The new claims are fully supported by the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of these new claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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